

➤ **Baird vs. Babbitt Case**

Chairman Ettawageshik submitted a report on the suit against the compact by Baird. Ellsworth – In short we think the judge will dismiss the case. Essence of argument, Representative Baird filing lawsuit with secretary against Baird because of compact not being done by Resolution. State can't be brought in against will and not likely to come in, the judge says the indispensable party is not present so case would be thrown out.

➤ **NORAM – Jacobson – Revised Outline of the Business Arrangement**

All documents named in outline are in packet of documents council's possesses. Chairman has not had an opportunity to go over this as thoroughly as he would like. There are differences from the previous draft. This is an actual agreement/memorandum to be signed by both of us in lieu of other documents being signed. This has been faxed to Forman.

Schnuck 60 days to renovate Victories. 2 – 10 weeks to deliver the equipment based on type of equipment. NORAM aiming for opening between June 15 – June 30, 1999. The demolition of Victories can start on the 27th of April. On the 26th of April the last bowling leagues that require more than 10 lanes will be finished. Need to close down Victories except for the bar and 12 lanes of Victories. The agreements that you have will need to be signed in the next 2 – 3 weeks. In order to start need to consider signing, an agreement with respect to the business deal. Deposits to machine, tokens, furniture substantial. Newfinki talked today, contract requires 1.7 million dollars in cash. He is not going much longer. Wants to let Newfinki know that Council is moving in a direction where we could start in 10 days. Advertising for job fair for tribal members, bring pros in for job training. Five weeks job training needs to be done and be on payroll. Would like this addressed by phone or meeting this week.

Gasco – Conference call with attorneys on this issue.

With Victories would like to have 30/70 formula for seven years. This included paying for management that NORAM won't be paying for now, along with other things. This is not just Victories, this agreement also states we will have all documents signed by May 8, 1999, which insinuates Mackinaw. Separate financial documents for Victories and Mackinaw.

Oldman – Need to do whatever we can to get Victories up and running. If it means two different business deals.

Chairman – If we counter this document with a two tiered agreement, because we are ready to move on Victories. When it comes to the deal in Mackinaw at break neck pace, not certain it is a good idea. Biggest holdup is Mackinaw with long term and higher risk.

NORAM prepared to have NORAM attorney to California to work with Forman to get documents done.

NORAM would like to see everything done together. Ordered certain things, but if not done by 27th, we lose a week.

Weiner – with each passing week on Victories, given city, cycle, there are revenue favorable aspects for the tribe.

Chairman – certain things that were going to get done in a week or two in February that we just got the last couple weeks.

Weiner – not trying to fix blame, know my style.

Chairman – seen so many stacks of documents until I know for sure these are the one's we are supposed to read.

Laughlin – Wants Council to read this one in preparation for Forman's comments and recommendations so we are ready to move.

Chairman – these documents need to send this to NIGC so they give approval that this is not a management deal. Have the documents been sent to AMI. Frank has two needs one more. Chairman wants two sent, don't wait for the three.

Council Arrives: Councillor Anthony arrived at 12:34 p.m.

Schnuck stated and Council agreed for Filsor to work with Forman on this document.

➤ **Letter April 15, 1999 Land Acquisitions**

From Mariana Shulstad to John – partner of Filsor. Issues include the deed, corporate resolution needs to authorize from AMI an additional signature.

Schnuck – Keeps sending corrections to documents, Mariana keeps sending back further corrections.

Discussion ensued regarding difficult working relationship with Mariana Shulstad. Will have Mariana Shulstad do land in trust except AMI corporate resolution.

➤ **Mackinaw Property – Schnuck**

Would like Mackinaw parcel information to put in application. Survey is four week job. To start Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Parcels Shepler, Valit, and Starline not sewn up. Convenience \$525,000.00. Terms are very difficult. Starline ¼ acre of land 1 million dollars. Offered 125,000.00. Shepler has not stated what he wants. Will not recommend Starline. Starline will be beat out by Shepler as far as location if Shepler makes a deal.

Would like the list for mackinaw business.

All parcels in original app are owned by AMI by bought or land deal.

➤ **Vegas Trip**

Laughlin gave report on Steelman Architect Firm. Full service. Gave Council/Gaming presentation on process, furniture, samples of materials for carpeting, rooms set as designed for what a room is going to look at.

Anthony – Steelman you don't need to think traditional building, you can think anyway you want and they can do it.

Steelman knows that they are not the selected firm, that LTBB will be looking at two other firms.

Laughlin – trip to machine company. Good understanding of what is going on and how things will progress.

Oldman questioned Y2 Compliance. Anthony stated there would be no problem.

Anthony – PBS Company, it would be no problem to open, machines would be on their way in 2- 10 weeks. Took a tour of facilities and there are a lot of great ideas.

NORAM departed at 12:53 p.m.

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➤ **U.S. vs. Michigan**

Handed out prepared document from Mariana Shulstad from LS&D. Involves state plan and our plan for when we meet on Thursday to go over the plans. Anthony – consensus was to not discuss their plan. That we submitted a plan and they would comment. They instead submitted their own plan.

Anthony – one danger is that Candy Tierny had proposed that the tribes elect one person to deal with the state. One person speaking for the tribe. Nobody spoke up strong against it. We would not accept one tribe, this representation is five tribe. Chairman doing the talking with staff or attorneys as need be. Reason George mentions it is that they are members of COFTMA and try to work around this by using COFTMA and attempt to exclude us. They would like Mark Slonum, attorney for Little River. Attorney of Record for Millac's Case, and Shellfish Case on West Coast. Mark does not know about the Great Lakes. Experts he would bring in are not Great Lakes experts.

Presents this for today For Council's interest.

Motion by **Councilor Oldman** and **Supported** by **Councilor Anthony** to go out of closed session at 1:05 p.m.

Vote: 7 YES 0 NO ABSTAINED ABSENT **Motion Carried**